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PLEASE PASS TO CHIP CARTER FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

1. REFTTEL ASKS FOR IDEAS FOR SPEECHES BY CHIP AT VARIOUS
PLACES. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, ARE
SENT IN RESPONSE TO THAT REQUEST.

A. REASSURANCE THA THE TIES BETWEEN U.S. AUSTRALIA
REMAIN STRONG -- ANZUS IS A CORNERSTONE IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY.
(THIS EXPRESSION WOULD BE WELCOME AT EACH AND EVERY APPEARANCE.)

B. LIFE IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR YOU AND CARON; AND AS
WELL FOR THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY, ALL COMPARED TO
RAISING PEANUTS AND IN CHIP'S INSTANCE WORKING AT SEARS.
(BOTH IN A SERIOUS AND HUMOROUS VEIN, CHANGING SOME OF BUT
NOT ALL OF THE LINES FROM PLACE TO PLACE.)

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C. SPEAKING FOR THE PRESIDENT, STATE THE U.S. IS
STRONG AND WILL REMAIN FULLY ABLE TO MEET ALL ITS
COMMITMENTS. THAT HIS OBJECTIVE IS PEACE BASED ON
STRENGTH NOT WEAKNESS.
D. SPEAKING FOR THE PRESIDENT AGAIN, U.S.
ECONOMY NOT IN DIRE STRAITS AS REPORTED.

E. A BRIEF REFERENCE TO OUR REMAINING A PACIFIC
POWER AND AGAIN REFERENCE TO ANZUS.

F. YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES IN REPRESENTING
THE PRESIDENT ABROAD.

G. THE ENTIRE CARTER FAMILY'S ROLE -- IN HTE
ELECTION -- WITH SPECIAL MENTION OF FIRST LADY AND
MISS LILLIAN.

H. YOUR GENERATION AND ITS IDEAS OF HOW "THINGS
ARE GOING" AND "WHAT SHOULD BE DONE".

8. THE CORAL SEA BATTLE REPRESENTS AS MUCH TO
OUR HISTORY AS TO THE HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA. THA THE
CHANGE OF NAME FROM "THE CORAL SEA WEEK" TO "AUSTRALIA-
AMERICAN WEEK" SHOULD NOT ALLOW US TO LOSE SIGHT OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF BEING MILITARILY STRONG.

2. SCHEDULE. BECAUSE OF TIME CONSTRAINTS AND THE WISH
NOT TO DISAPPOINT THOSE AT WAGGA WAGGA, WE ARE DECLINING
PM'S HOSPITALITY.

FISHING IN MELBOURNE A POSSIBILITY. WE ARE WORKING
ON IT, BUT "BULK OF DAY MAY 12" FOR FISHING WILL REQUIRE
CANCELLING A LUNCH. WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO BOTH, AND WE
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ARE TRYING. CARON AND KIT WILL BE WELCOME FOR FISHING
AND IT WILL BE A GOOD DEAL CHEAPER THAN SHOPPING.

BELIEVE WE CAN ACCOMMODATE YOUR PLAN FOR FLYING
FROM ADELAIDE TO CANBERRA NIGHT OF 12TH.

3. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE SCHEDULE, BUT
CARTERS ARE MUCH IN DEMAND AND THIS PROMISES TO BE A
WORKING VISIT. (THE ALSTONS AS OF THIS MOMENT INVITE
THE CARTERS BACK FOR A LEISURELY VISIT OF SHIPPING,
RESTING AND FISHING.) THE OBJECT OF THIS EXERCISE IS
TO CONVINCE AUSTRALIA IT'S A SERIOUS AND VALUABLE ALLY.

4. NOT ONLY IS THE VICE PRESIDENT VISITING AUSTRALIA,
BUT SO IS THE FLAGSHIP OF THE SEVENTH FLEET, USS
OKLAHOMA CITY. ELKIN WILL MEET YOU IN NEWCASTLE ON
THE 9TH, AND INTRODUCE YOU THAT EVENING AT A DANCE IN
SYDNEY. SHE WILL BE WITH YOU AT WAGGA AND, OF COURSE,
IN CANBERRA. I WILL BE WITH THE OKLAHOMA CITY THE 9TH,
10TH, 11TH AND 12TH. ELKIN WILL BE WITH YOU MAY 11 IN
HOBART AND MELBOURNE.

5. YOUR SCHEDULE (DETAILS OMITTED) NOW READS:

MAY 6 ARRIVE SYDNEY -- VIP FLIGHT TO CANBERRA
MAY 7 VIP FLIGHT TO SYDNEY
MAY 8 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE IN SYDNEY
THEN FLY TO BRISBANE
AAA DINNER THAT EVENING
MAY 9 BRISBANE TO NEWCASTLE TO SYDNEY
DINNER DANCE THAT EVENING IN SYDNEY.
MAY 10 SYDNEY TO WAGGA TO CANBERRA AND AAA PARTY
THAT EVENING
MAY 11 CANBERRA TO HOBART TO MELBOURNE
MAY 12 AS STATED ABOVE, WORKING ON SCHEDULE PRIOR
TO FLYING TO ADELAIDE FOR AAA DANCE THAT
EVENING.
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DEPART THAT EVENING FOR CANBERRA IF POSSIBLE
MAY 13 DEPART CANBERRA FOR SYDNEY AND THE U.S.

6. IT IS OUR INTENTION THAT YOU AND CARON AND KIT BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICER FROM THIS EMBASSY WHO WILL BE
ABLE TO HANDLE THE PRESS.

7. DO NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT WHETHER KIT WILL BE GUEST
OF AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. WILL INQUIRE.

8. CHIP AND CARON AND KIT WILL BE OUR GUESTS NIGHTS OF
MAY 6, MAY 10 AND MAY 12. SCHEDULE BY SEPTTEL WILL GIVE
NAMES OF HOTELS FOR ELSEWHERE.

9. NO ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES PLANNED, BUT IF
SUCH DEVELOP, WE WILL PREPARE STATEMENTS AND HAV THEM
AVAILABLE.
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